

Do I Need a Corps Permit

WHAT WORK REQUIRES A PERMIT? A Department of the Army permit, issued by the Army Corps of Engineers, is required for certain activities in, over, under or near waters of the U.S. or special aquatic sites, including wetlands. [Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899](#) requires approval prior to the accomplishment of any work in, over or under navigable waters of the United States, or which affects the course, location, condition or capacity of such waters. Typical activities requiring Section 10 permits are:

- Construction or installation of piers, wharves, bulkheads, dolphins, marinas, ramps, floats, overhanging decks, buoys, boat lifts, jet ski lifts, intake structures, outfall pipes, marine waterways, overhead transmission lines, and cable or pipeline crossings, etc.
- Dredging and excavation

[Section 404 of the Clean Water Act](#) requires approval prior to discharging dredged or fill material into the waters of the United States, including special aquatic sites such as wetlands. Typical activities requiring Section 404 permits are:

- Depositing fill, dredged, or excavated material in waters of the U.S. and/or adjacent wetlands.
- Grading or mechanized land clearing of wetlands.
- Placement of spoils from ditch excavation activities in wetlands.
- Soil movement during vegetation clearing in wetlands.
- Site development fill for residential, commercial, or recreational developments.
- Construction of revetments, groins, breakwaters, beach enhancement, jetties, levees, dams, dikes, and weirs.
- Placement of riprap and road fills.

These lists are by no means all-inclusive. If you have questions whether your project would require a permit, please [contact](#) our office.

WHO SHOULD OBTAIN A PERMIT? Any person, firm, or agency (including Federal, State, and local government agencies) planning to work in navigable waters of the United States, or dump or place dredged or fill material in waters of the United States, must first obtain a permit from the Corps of Engineers. Permits,

licenses, variances, or similar authorization may also be required by other Federal, State and local statutes.

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